

Three Latin tenses

We have now met three sets of endings for Latin verbs, each of which tell us something about when the verb happened, as well as who did it.

<i>present</i>			
I	o	we	mus
you	s	y'all	tis
he/she/it	t	they	nt

<i>past continuous</i>			
I	bam	we	mus
you	bas	y'all	tis
he/she/it	bat	they	nt

<i>simple past (v+)</i>			
I	i	we	imus
you	isti	y'all	istis
he/she/it	it	they	erunt

Exercise 1

Can you sort these Latin verbs into the correct tense box? The first three have been done for you.

rogabamus ~~amabam~~ ~~vexavisti~~ sentimus
 visitas pugnatis habitavi numeravimus finivisti
 habitant amabat audiebas vexabant
 servavit ambulabatis servo salutavisti laborat
 pugnaverunt

present

sentimus

past continuous

amabam

simple past

vexavisti

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Exercise 2

Can you match up the correct English translation to the Latin verb? Make sure you match the tense correctly. The first one has been done to show you how.

pugno	→	we were destroying
celaverunt	→	I am fighting
audivit		they cried
delemus		I was fighting
delevimus		you were hearing
lacrimaverunt		I fought
pugnabam		he/she/it heard
audiebas		they hid
portavisti		you hear
delebamus		we destroy
audis		we destroyed
pugnavi		you carried

Exercise 3

Identify the tense of the verb by ticking the correct box then translate the sentence into English. The first one has been done for you.

	<i>present</i>	<i>past continuous</i>	<i>simple past</i>
1. pastor canem servavit.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>The shepherd saved the dog.</i>			
2. maga per silvam ambulabat.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. mater et pater in villa laborant.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. gladium celavi.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. milites ducem portaverunt.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>